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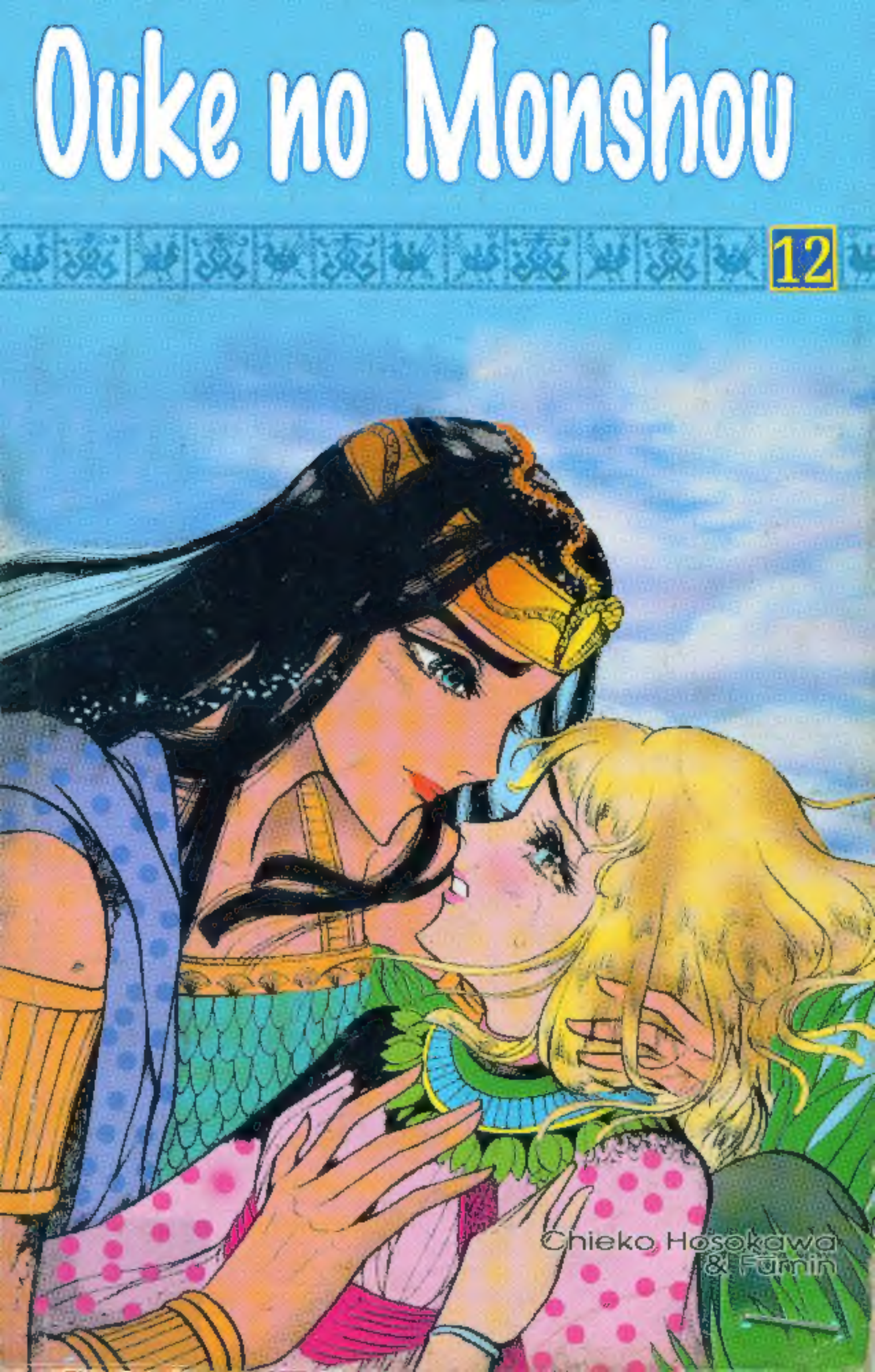

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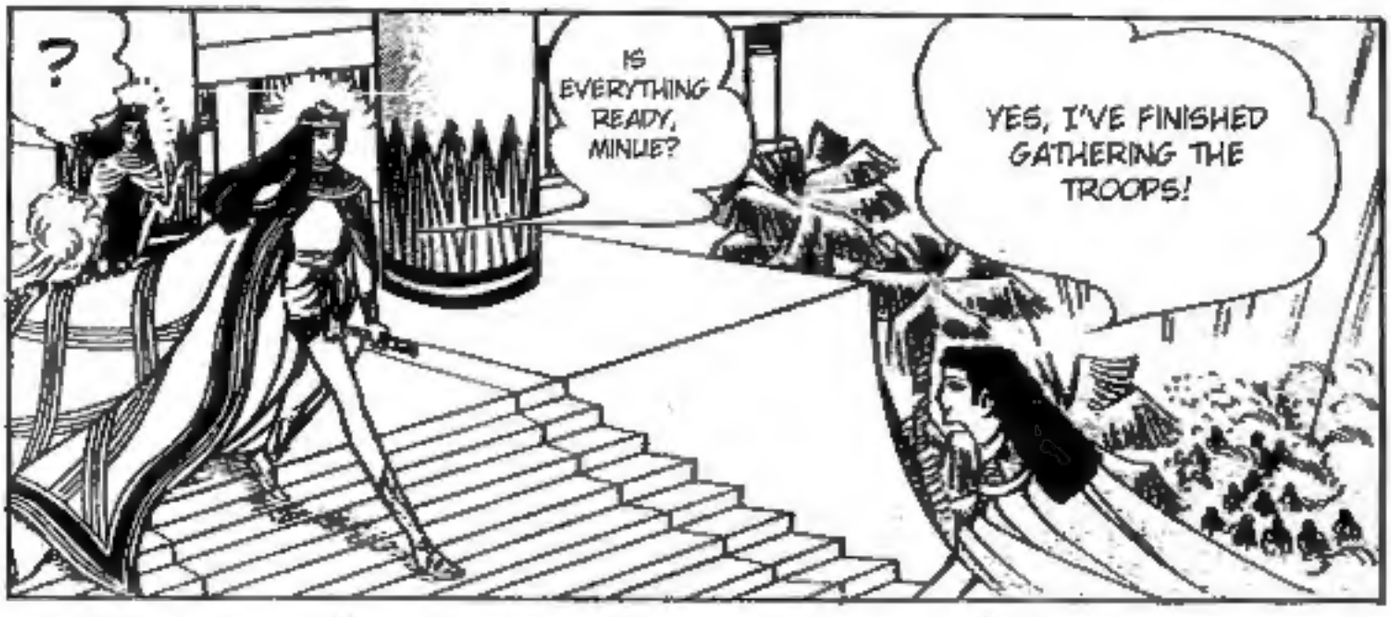
Summary:

Coming back to the ancient world from the 21st century, Carol floated to Lower Egypt. Here, she luckily united with Unasu and Ruka. They discussed about using a shortcut to quickly return to Thebes.

On the way, the group was ambushed by High Priestess's Queen Isis's troops, Unasu stayed to hold them back while Ruka brought Carol to safety. Who would have thought that Ruka brought the girl right into the hands of the Hittites, according to Prince Izumi's plan.

TELL MINUE TO GATHER A THOUSAND SOLDIERS!
ANGON IS FAMOUS FOR BEING AS A CUNNING FOX.
IT'S BEST TO BE CAREFUL!
MEMPHIS, I THINK YOU SHOULDN'T GO...
..... WHY NOT?
I HAVE TO SAVE CAROL, THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!



A THOUSAND WELL-TRAINED SOLDIERS ARE READY TO GO TO ASSYRIA.

PRIME MINISTER IMHOTEP, I ENTRUST THE TASK OF SOLVING NATIONAL AFFAIRS TO YOU WHILE I'M AWAY!
PLEASE DON'T WORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS!
DO WHAT YOU CAN IN REGARD TO THE NATIONAL AFFAIRS!
I'LL DO MY BEST TAKING CARE OF EVERYTHING!
LET'S GO!
LET'S GO!
LET'S GO!
WE'RE WILLING TO DIE IN ORDER TO SAVE THE QUEEN!

OH GODDESS OF THE NILE, GOOD MOTHER OF THE EGYPTIANS, OUR GODDESS HAS RETURNED THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE TO MEMPHIS WITHOUT A BRUISE... YET THE INSOLENT ASSYRIANS HAVE DARED TO STEAL HER AWAY...
I PRAY THE GODDESS FOR YOUR SUPPORT, HELP US SAVE CAROL!

NO, DON'T COME NEAR ME!
I'M AN EGYPTIAN, I CANNOT WEAR THE CLOTHING OF THE HITTITES!
?
IF YOU FORCE ME, I'LL KILL MYSELF!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M SORRY, MY PRINCE. SHE HID A KNIFE WHEN NO ONE WAS LOOKING!
ALRIGHT, I'LL COME RIGHT AWAY!
THIS GIRL CAUSES TOO MUCH TROUBLE!
DON'T THINK YOU CAN FORCE ME!
WHY ARE YOU YELLING?
YOUR CLOTHES HAVE BECOME DIRTY!
NOW GIVE ME THE KNIFE!
AH!

NOW BE GOOD AND LISTEN TO ME, CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES!
THIS IS MY PALACE... EVERYONE MUST BE CLEAN.
NO! GET AWAY FROM ME!
I'M AN EGYPTIAN...
I CAN'T WEAR FOREIGN CLOTHES!
BE GOOD NOW, THE ATTIRE IS MADE OF FABRIC!
I WILL STAB YOU...
IF YOU COME ANY CLOSER!
HMN!
I...
I'LL STAB YOU!!
I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO STAB ME!
AH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LET ME GO!
AH!
COUGH
HELP ME HELP ME
COUGH COUGH

HA HA LET'S SEE HOW LONG YOUR STUBBORN NESS WILL LAST
HOW IS IT, LITTLE GIRL, THE WATER IN THE WINTER SURE IS FREEZ-ING, ISN'T IT?
YOU... YOU... EVIL
IN THIS KIND OF WEATHER, IF YOU DON'T CHANGE INTO DRY CLOTHES, IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD TO CATCH A COLD!
NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS!

SERVANT, GET HER THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ATTIRE TO CHANGE INTO!
YES, YOUR HIGH-NESS!
DON'T BE SCARED, HER HAND AND FEET HAVE FROZEN, SHE HAS NO STRENGTH TO RESIST!
IN THIS WORLD, I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE MORE OBSTI-NATE THAN YOU ARE!

IT'S... SO COLD... COLD...

OH MY WHOLE BODY FEELS LIKE IT HAS FROZEN
SO COLD ..
HE WAS RIGHT .. IF I DON'T TAKE THESE WET CLOTHES OFF I WILL CATCH A COLD AND DIE A SILLY DEATH DIE BEFORE I CAN SEE MEMPHIS.
NO! I MUST LIVE!
I MUST LIVE TO FIGHT BACK!
NOW BE GOOD, LADY .
NO ONE HAS EVER DARED TO DISOBEY THE PRINCE!
?
HE'S A PRINCE, BUT I'M ALSO A QUEEN.. WHY DOES HE WANT TO ORDER ME AROUND?

HE MUST APOLO-GIZE TO ME!
LADY, YOU ARE SO NAIVE..
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE AN EGYPTIAN QUEEN, BUT YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE TO HITTITE. THAT MEANS RIGHT NOW YOU ARE. ARE A PRISONER.
I DISAGREE! YOU HAVE VIO-LATED THE PEACE TREATY BETWEEN THE TWO COUN-TRIES!
LET ME GO!
NOW, PLEASE CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES!
HELP ME MEMPHIS!

MEMPHIS. WHY HAVEN'T YOU COME TO SAVE ME?
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO IN THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY?

CAROL I BELIEVE IN YOUR WIT NTELLIGENCE AND BRAV- ERY PLEASE DO YOUR BEST HANDLING YOUR ENEMY, AND WAIT FOR ME
THIS PALACE, WITHOUT A DOUBT MUST HAVE TUNNELS CONNECTED TO THE OUTSIDE

WALK FASTER, CAROL...
HITTITE'S COURT OFFICIALS ARE WAITING TO SEE EGYPT'S MOST FAMOUS LADY!
MEMPHIS DO YOU KNOW THAT I M IMPRISONED IN HITTITE?
IF YOU KNOW I'M SURE YOU'LL COME AND SAVE ME
BUT EVEN IF I FIND THE TUNNELS AND ESCAPE I STILL DON T KNOW WHERE I SHOULD GO
THE PALACE OF HATTUSA IS SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS, IF I GET LOST I'LL BECOME PREY TO THE BEASTS!

WE'VE REACHED THE BORDER. BEHIND THAT MOUNTAIN IS THE LAND OF ASSYRIA.
OUR QUEEN WITHOUT DOUBT IS BEING HELD THERE!
UNFORTUNATELY MEMNON DOES NOT KNOW THAT CAROL IS IN THE HANDS OF THE HITTITES. HE IS DETERMINED THAT ANY ATTACK OF ASSYRIA IS THE ENEMY!
YES, I THINK SO TOO!
DAMN THOSE ASSYRIANS!
WE'RE GOING TO CROSS THE BORDER, RIGHT?
THEY MUST PAY!

OKUE NO MONSHOU

WAIT! ANGON MAY HAVE SOLDIERS DISGUISED AS BANDITS, WAITING TO AMBUSH US. .
HE'S ONE OF THE MOST CUNNING, AND DISHONEST OPPONENTS.. THEREFORE, WE MUST BE CAREFUL, IF WE'RE IMPATIENT AND ACT HASTILY, WE'LL FALL INTO HIS TRAP, AND POINTLESSLY LOSE OUR MEN!

GENERAL MINUE, HOW IS UNASU?
HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY NEWS FROM HIM?
YOUR HIGHNESS... I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM UNASU!
YOUR MAJESTY, DON'T FRET... PERHAPS UNASU HAS FOUND SOME TRACES THAT LEAD TO HER HIGHNESS, AND IS ON HIS WAY TO FIND QUEEN CAROL... SO HE HAS NO TIME TO SEND THE NEWS!
HMM. FOR SOME REASON I HAVE A BAD FEELING!

HER WOUND HAS JUST HEALED AND SHE HAS FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THAT RUTHLESS KING
CAROL...
I WISH I COULD SHARE THE HARDSHIPS THAT YOU ARE BEARING
IT'S MORNING, WE CAN CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY!
GENERAL SETO, HOW IS EVERYTHING ON THE OTHER SIDE?
SIRE... NOTHING SEEMS SUSPICIOUS!
ARE YOU SURE?
YES!
PACK UP!
TEN MORE MINUTES AND WE'LL GO!
ATTENTION!
GET IN LINE!
THEY'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE...

I WONDER HOW THIS TRIP WILL TURN OUT
I KNOW ANGON'S CHARACTER
HE'S A CUNNING FOX FULL OF EVIL SCHEMES
THE FACT THAT HE INVITES MEMPHIS TO A BANQUET SEEMS TO BE A PART OF A PLAN.
BECAUSE HE HAS ALWAYS HATED EGYPT
EVERYONE, GET INTO YOUR POSITION... FIVE MORE MINUTES, WE WILL CROSS THE BORDER, AND ADVANCE TOWARDS THE CAPITAL NIMRUD!
YOUR HIGHNESS!
I WANT TO ASK FOR A FAVOR!

"AMADI, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?"
?
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU, PLEASE LET ME STAY AND SERVE YOU
"NO! THIS TRIP IS FULL OF DANGERS I DON'T WANT YOU TO TAKE PART IN THIS"
YOUR HOMELAND, ASSYRIAM IS ON THE OTHER SIDE FROM NOW ON YOU'RE FREE TO GO BACK AND LIVE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

I APPRE-
CIATE ..
YOUR AFFECTION
TOWARDS EGYPT!
NOW,
LET'S
GO!
YES
SIRE!
HOW
FOR AN
IMPERIAL
MAID LIKE
ME!
WHAT KIND
OF PERSON
IS CAROL
WHO MEM-
PHIS CARES
ABOUT SO
MUCH?
ZUATO,
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
THERE?
YES!
AT THE SAME
TIME I HAVE
TO KIL
CAROL WHEN
I HAVE THE
CHANCE!
HEY, WHY DO
YOU ALWAYS
BRING THOSE
NASTY
SCORPIONS
WHEREVER
YOU GO?
UH...
I...
I...
YOU'RE AN
ADULT NOW,
NO LONGER
A KID!
DON'T
RUIN
EVERY-
THING
BY
PLAYING
AROUND
SO
MUCH!

LET HIM SAVE QUEEN
WE AWAIT FOR YOUR RETURN EVERYDAY
WE LOVE HER BEAUTY AND VIRTUE, WE IDOLIZE HER INTELLIGENCE... SHE'S THE PRIDE OF ALL EGYPTIANS!

YOUR HIGHNESS, THERE'S A REPORT OF PHARAOH MEMPHIS CROSSING OUR BORDER!
WELL DONE!
NOT ONLY CAN SHE UNITE THE PEOPLE OF THE CAPITAL THEBES, THAT GIRL ALSO ACCOMPLISHED A WONDERFUL TASK: SHE HAS CHANGED PHARAOH MEMPHIS. SHE TURNED HIM FROM A CONCEITED AND MERCILESS PHARAOH INTO A FINE KING WHO IS LOVED BY EVERYONE!
YOU'VE FALLEN INTO MY TRAP, MEMPHIS!

OKUE NO MONSHOU

HEY LADY...WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

I MUST FIND A WAY TO TELL MEMPHIS THAT I'M CONFINED IN HATTUSA, THE CAPITAL OF HITTITE

TO DO SO I MUST HAVE A TRUSTWORTHY PERSON WILLING TO DIE FOR ME LIKE WINASU

NO! I CAN WALK BY MYSELF!

GOOD!

WHERE CAN I FIND SUCH A PERSON?

SO TROUBLESOME!

ARE YOU SO TIRED THAT YOU CAN'T WALK?

OR DO YOU WANT ME TO CARRY YOU TO THE BANQUET TABLE?

?

FATHER! MOTHER..

I'M SORRY FOR COMING SO LATE. .

COME HERE MY SON...

WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU FOR QUITE A WHILE!

HA HA!

THAT'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE!

CONGRATS, THE PRINCE HAS COME BACK SAFELY!
CON-GRATS!
THANK YOU!
THE LAST TRIP WAS TIRESOME, WASN'T IT?
DRINK MORE!
I HEARD THAT YOUR HIGHNESS STOLE THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE RIGHT FROM KING ANGON'S NOSE...
IS THAT TRUE?
TRUE!
HMM, THEY SEE ME AS A TROPHY'
I MUST FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE
EVEN IF I DIE'
SADLY THE CAPITAL HATTUSA IS TOO FAR AWAY FROM EGYPT AND I'M A GIRL

WHEN I FELL INTO THE HANDS OF THE HITTITES. I WAS WITH RUKA
HE WAS AMBUSHED FROM BEHIND I WONDER IF HE S STILL ALIVE
APART FROM RUKA. NO ONE ELSE KNOWS THAT IZUMI HAS CAPTURED AND BROUGHT ME TO HITTITE
HENCE IT'S POSSIBLE THAT PHARAOH MEMPHIS IS TROUBLED
HE THINKS THAT I'VE DIED IN THE DESERT
MY CONDITION RIGHT NOW IS EXTREMELY BAD
THE CHANCE OF SEEING MEMPHIS AGAIN IS REALLY UNLIKELY
NOW BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER OF THE NILE...
LET ME SEE YOU DANCE!
Ah!
HURRY! I WANT TO SEE YOU DISPLAY YOUR TALENT!
GET AWAY FROM ME!
IF YOU DO WELL, I'LL REWARD YOU...

HA HA. HOW DARE YOU OPPOSE ME?
NOW GET UP!
I RE-QUEST THAT YOU GET BACK TO YOUR SEAT!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF I DON'T?
IF YOU DON'T I'LL .. GIVE YOU A SLAP!
WHAT? YOU'LL DARE TO SLAP ME?
SHE'LL DO AS SHE SAID, FATHER.
HEY IZUMI, I LIKE THIS GIRL!
?
CAN YOU GIVE HER TO ME?
BUT I DON'T LIKE YOU!
YOU'LL LIKE ME SOME-DAY!
LITTLE GIRL!
Ah!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IF YOU DON'T LET GO, DON'T BLAME ME!
FATHER, PLEASE LET GO OF HER NOW!
THIS GIRL IS STILL THE QUEEN OF EGYPTIANS!
IF FATHER HURTS HER, AND MEMPHIS FINDS THIS OUT, HE'LL LEAD HIS TROOPS HERE TO MAKE YOU PAY.. THEN IT'LL BE TROUBLESOME!

IN MY OPINION, WE NEED TO TREAT THE GIRL NICELY.
BECAUSE SHE'S OUR KEY IN PRESSURING THE EGYPTIANS DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WILL BE HELD LATER ON...
CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS...WHAT IS THAT?
STUPID! YOU SHOULD KEEP QUIET
I'M TRYING TO PROTECT YOU!
NO! I'M NOT YOUR HOSTAGE. . THIS IS A PROVOCATION, YOU'RE VIOLATING THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH PROTECTS THE PEACE BETWEEN COUNTRIES!

HMM TALKING ABOUT THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS ONLY WASTING MY TIME
THEY DON'T KNOW ANY-THING?
I SHOULDN'T FORGET THAT I'M IN THE ANCIENT WORLD, WHEN THE SYSTEM OF SLAVE LABOR IS COMMON
I HAVE AN IDEA, MY PRINCE...
WHAT? THESE OFFICIALS WANT TO FORCE ME TO MARRY IZUMI?
THIS GIRL IS WORSHIPED BY THE EGYPTIANS LIKE A GODDESS.
IF OUR PRINCE MARRIES HER, WE'LL DEFEAT EGYPT EASILY, WITHOUT USING OUR TROOPS!
GOOD PLAN!
GREAT IDEA!
SOUNDS GOOD!

THIS GIRL POSSESSES PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE... SHE MATCHES OUR PRINCE PERFECTLY!
THAT'S TRUE! THEY'RE A WELL-MATCHED COUPLE!
WITH CAROL BESIDE HIM, PRINCE IZUMI IS LIKE A DRAGON WITH WINGS!
HMM... THEY'RE DISCUSSING IT HEATEDLY... THEY DON'T CARE IF I AGREE TO IT!
AGREE TO IT, PRINCE IZUMI!
SHE COMPLEMENTS YOU!
IN ANCIENT TIMES, THEY DISREGARDED WOMEN
UNLIKE IN THE 21ST CENTURY
IF I HAD REMEMBERED THIS, I WOULD HAVE NEVER COME BACK TO THIS TIME!

I MUST RETURN TO CAIRO..
IN THIS SOCIETY OF "MEN OVER WOMEN" .. IT SEEMS HARD TO BREATHE!
?
LADY, PLEASE GET BACK TO YOUR SEAT!
I . NEED TO GO TO THE REST-ROOM!
WHY ARE YOU SO VIO-LENT?
AH!
OUCH!
ALL OF YOU BE CARE-FUL! ANYONE WHO INJURES HER WILL.. BE BE-HEADED!

GET BACK TO THE BANQUET TABLE, DAUGHTER OF THE NILE!
!
BE GOOD NOW!
YOUR MAJESTY!
URGENT NEWS FROM EGYPT!
MEMPHIS, EGYPT'S PHARAOH HAS ACCEPTED KING ANGON'S INVITATION. REPORT SAID HE'D CROSSED THE BORDER WITH 1000 SOLDIERS!
?
MEMPHIS WENT TO ASSYRIA, WHAT FOR?

AH!
OH GOD! I UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM NOW MEMPHIS IS DETERMINED THAT I WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE KING OF ASSYRIA. THUS HE IS BRINGING TROOPS TO NIMRUD TO SAVE ME.
WHERE DID HE HEAR THIS RUMOUR FROM?
OR HAS KING ANGON SPREAD THE RUMOR HIMSELF?
HE WANTS TO TRAP MEMPHIS?

FURTHERMORE, MEMNES IS HIS TRYING TO ACCTRA NA STATE OF ANXIETY BECAUSE HE S WORRIED ABOUT ME
WITHOUT DOUBT HE LL LET HIS WEAKNESS SHOW HE ALSO LOSES HIS ALERT EASILY
BY ALL MEANS I MUST NFORM MEMNES THAT N REALITY I M NTTTTE NJT NASSTRA
IT S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE MEMNES FROM THE SCHEME OF THE EVIL KING AND IN
STOP, WHERE ARE YOU RUNNING TO?
LET ME GO, IZUMI . I MUST GO HELP THE PHARAOH OF EGYPT!

I BEG YOU IZUMI... PLEASE LET ME GO!

CALM DOWN, YOU WANT TO GO HELP HIM ALONE?

ARE YOU CRAZY?

MEMPHIS IS INTELLIGENT.. IF HE KNOWS I'M HERE, HE'LL LEAVE ASSYRIA AT ONCE...

UNLIKE OTHERS, HE DOES NOT LIKE TO START A WAR!

IZUMI, IF YOU LOVE ME, PLEASE SEND SOMEONE TO STOP MEMPHIS...

PLEASE, IZUMI!!!

TELL HIM THE NEWS.

AFTER THAT, I'LL GIVE YOU ANY THING YOU WANT

I ONLY NEED YOU TO HELP MEMPHIS ESCAPE FROM ANGON'S EVIL SCHEME...

THEN IF YOU WANT ME TO BE A SLAVE, COOK, WASH THE DISHES, AND CLEAN THE FLOOR FOR YOU... I'LL ACCEPT!

IT'S TOO LATE LITTLE ONE. I WAS INFORMED THAT MEMUCHUS HAS ADVANCED TO CAMP THE GREAT CAPITAL OF ASSYRIA
KEEP GOING!
YOUR HIGHNESS, WE'VE REACHED NIMRUD, THE CAPITAL OF ASSYRIA.
I KNOW OF HIS AMBITION...
RIGHT NOW, THE ECONOMY HERE IS QUITE UNSTABLE... BECAUSE ANGON ALLEGEDLY PUT ALL OF HIS MONEY INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS ARMY!
THE GATE HAS BEEN OPENED.
THEY'RE WELCOMING US!

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HALT! LET US WAIT TO SEE THE STATE OF OUR SURROUNDINGS.
SURELY CARO MUST BE HELD SOMEWHERE IN THIS PALACE!
YOUR HIGHNESS, THEY'VE ARRIVED!
WELL DONE!
INVITE THEM IN AND REMEMBER TO WATCH CLOSELY...
HA HA...HE REALLY IS HEROIC, ACCEPTING THE INVITATION AND COMING HERE...
. EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS HE'LL BE IN DANGER.
LOOK AT HIS ANXIOUS EXPRESSION...
HE LONGS TO SEE THE GIRL!

UNFORTUNATELY

CAROL ISN'T HERE

WELCOME, PHARAOH MEMPHIS. THANKS FOR COMING FROM THE GREAT EGYPT TO A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE OUR ASSYRIA!

A BANQUET WILL BE READY IN ANOTHER HOUR. PLEASE REST BEFORE THE FEAST!

GREETINGS, KING ANGON...TODAY, I COME HERE WITH GOOD WILL AND WISH TO CREATE A FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

HMM. SO. THIS IS KING ANGON. HE IS FAMOUS FOR HIS SHREWDNESS AND CRUELTY

MY FATHER WAS ALWAYS WARY OF HIM!

BUT WHY DOES HE SEEM FAMILIAR WHEN I ONLY MET HIM NOW

OUKE NO MONSHOU

UH, HEY ..
DOESN'T THE PHARAOH OF EGYPT WANT TO REST AFTER SUCH A LONG JOURNEY?
I WILL REST LATER. I HAVE SOMETHING URGENT THAT I WANT TO ASK YOU.
THE OTHER DAY, YOUR ENVOY GAVE ME A BRACELET MADE OF PRECIOUS STONE.
OH! THAT BRACELET?
!
LAST WEEK, MY SOLDIERS MET A GIRL WHO WAS LOST IN THE DESERT.
HER LEFT SHOULDER WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED .. IT SEEMED THAT SHE WAS BITTEN BY A LION.
THEN WHAT? DID YOU SAVE HER?
OF COURSE WE SAVED HER WHEN WE KNEW THAT SHE WAS CAROL.
THE EGYPTIAN'S QUEEN, WHO WAS SAID TO BE MISSING FOR A WHILE!

OH, GOD! HOW LUCKY.. THEN, WHERE IS SHE NOW?
HOW FORTU-NATE!
THANK YOU, GODS!
SHE'S RESTING RIGHT NOW AFTER MY PHYSI-CIANS HAVE TREATED HER CAREFULLY.
DON'T WORRY! SOONER OR LATER, THE PHARAOH OF EGYPT WILL GET SEE HIS LOVELY LADY AGAIN. SO PLEASE, HAVE A FEW DRINKS WITH ME..
TO CEL-EBRATE...
I AM TOUCHED.
HOORAY! LET'S CEL-EBRATE!
HONESTLY, AT FIRST, I WAS SUSPI-CIOUS OF YOU...PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
I KNOW. UNTIL NOW, THERE ARE MANY BAD RUMORS ABOUT ME. .PERHAPS THAT'S THE REASON YOU WERE SUSPI-CIOUS?
HA HA! HE'S SO NAIVE!

NOW, LET'S MAKE A TOAST, EVERYONE.
GO AHEAD!
LET'S CELEBRATE THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN EGYPT AND ASSYRIA- FOREVER LASTING!
HOORAY, KING ANGON!
CONGRATU-LATIONS!
ONE MORE CUP TO CELEBRATE THE WELL-BEING OF QUEEN CAROL!

DRINK UP!
DRINK MORE!
PLEASE DRINK ANOTHER CUP OF WINE WITH ME...
ALL RIGHT
YES, I WILL DRINK IT ALL
THE LAW HERE IS THAT YOU MUST DRINK IT ALL, SIR!

HOORAY! GOOD JOB!
CAROL, THIS CUP IS TO CELEBRATE YOUR ESCAPE FROM DANGER AND TO COMING BACK WITH ME
HIC HIC
THE WINE HERE IS GOOD BUT IT A LITTLE STRONG!
ANOTHER CUP OF WINE?
HOW BORING
I CAN'T DRINK WINE.
HEY ..ARE YOU DRUNK OR WHAT? WHY DO YOU KEEP LEANING ON ME?
MMM

UH... WHAT'S IS THIS... EVERYONE'S SLEEPING ..
YOUR HIGHNESS!
OH GOD WHY AM I LIKE THIS?
TROUBLE, MINUE. . WE'VE .. BEEN... POISONED. .
AHHH...YES, I KNOW ..
MY EYELIDS ARE AS HEAVY AS LEAD... WE'VE FALLEN INTO ANGON'S TRAP!

DAMN YOU! I KNEW HE WAS SHREWD AND FULL OF EVIL SCHEMES, YET I LOST MY VIGILANCE...
WE HAVE ALL DRUNK POISON!
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?!
I DO NOT KNOW
UNMISTAKABLY, THEY DRANK THE SAME WINE AS ME.
WHY WHY
POISON .MIXED IN THE WINE..
YOUR HIGH-NESS! I'M SORRY .
. FOR NOT COMPLET-ING. . MY TASK...

YOU TRICKED ME!
YOU PUT POISON IN THE WINE!
HA HA! IT'S NOT POISON.
IT'S JUST A FEW SLEEPING PILLS!
WHAT? SLEEPING PILLS?
CORRECT! I DRANK THE SAME WINE AS YOU,
BUT I SPAT IT OUT WITHOUT LETTING ANY OF YOU SEE...
SO THAT EXPLAINS IT..
NO! DO NOT SLEEP
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS!
WE'LL FIGHT TO THE END! AHHH..

DAMMIT! THE NEWS ABOUT CAMUS WAS JUST A LIE..

ZUATO, LEAVE THIS PLACE, HURRY!

ARGH! I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT A WELL-KNOWN PHARAOH LIKE MYSELF HAS FALLEN INTO SUCH A SHAME-FUL CONDITION

NO! I'LL STAY HERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR MAJ-ESTY

HA HA HA! YOU'RE ONLY GOOD AT COMING UP WITH STRATEGY IN THE BATTLEFIELD I DO THE SMALL DIRTY TRICKS BEHIND THE SCENES!

UH. . I WAS CAUGHT OFF-GUARD ..
. AND LET MYSELF FALL INTO THIS SITUATION.
ANGON I WILL BEHEAD YOU!
HA HA! HOW PITIFUL.
OH, GOD. . MY LIMBS ARE WEAK.. THEY WILL NOT DO WHAT I WANT THEM TO.
ANGON WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?!
HEY, NOW, I JUST WANT YOU TO SLEEP AND RESTORE YOUR STRENGTH. WHY ARE YOU SO MAD?
MY EYELIDS... I CANNOT OPEN THEM!

OUKE NO MONSHOU

VILE KING.. ARE YOU SO SCARED OF ME THAT YOU WILL USE SUCH A DESPICABLE METHOD?

OH — YOUR HIGH-NESS!

YOUR MAJESTY... PLEASE LET ME.. PUNISH HIM..

Ah!

DO NOT CELEBRATE SO QUICKLY MY SWORD HAND CAN STILL BE USED I WILL BEHEAD YOU ANGON!

PUNISH ME? HA HA! HOW IRONIC!

YOU ALL CAN'T EVEN STAND ON YOUR OWN TWO FEET; WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO TO ME?

SOLDIERS, CLOSE THE GATES!

HURRY!

WE'RE TRAPPED!

OH, GOD!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

ZUATO, YOU DID NOT DRINK ANY WINE
YOU ARE STILL SOBER.
HURRY, ESCAPE AND REPORT .TO GENERAL HONSHU WHAT HAS HAPPENED ..
HURRY . THEY HAVE YET TO CLOSE ALL OF THE GATES!
BUT YOUR HIGHNESS.
JUST GO! DO NOT ARGUE!
TWO MORE GATES!
YES!
I'M GOING IN!
HURRY!
DON'T WORRY, THEY CAN'T RUN ANYMORE!
CLOSE THE WESTERN GATE!
ALL OF THESE GATES ARE MADE OF IRON AND ARE UNBREAKABLE...
IT IS APPARENT THAT HE HAS PLANNED THIS OUT CAREFULLY

THIS IS THE END
MY ENTIRE TOKIO HAVE BEEN WORKED INTO
SO SHAME-FUL
I WOULD RATHER HAVE MYSELF CHOSEN IN THE BATTLE FIELD

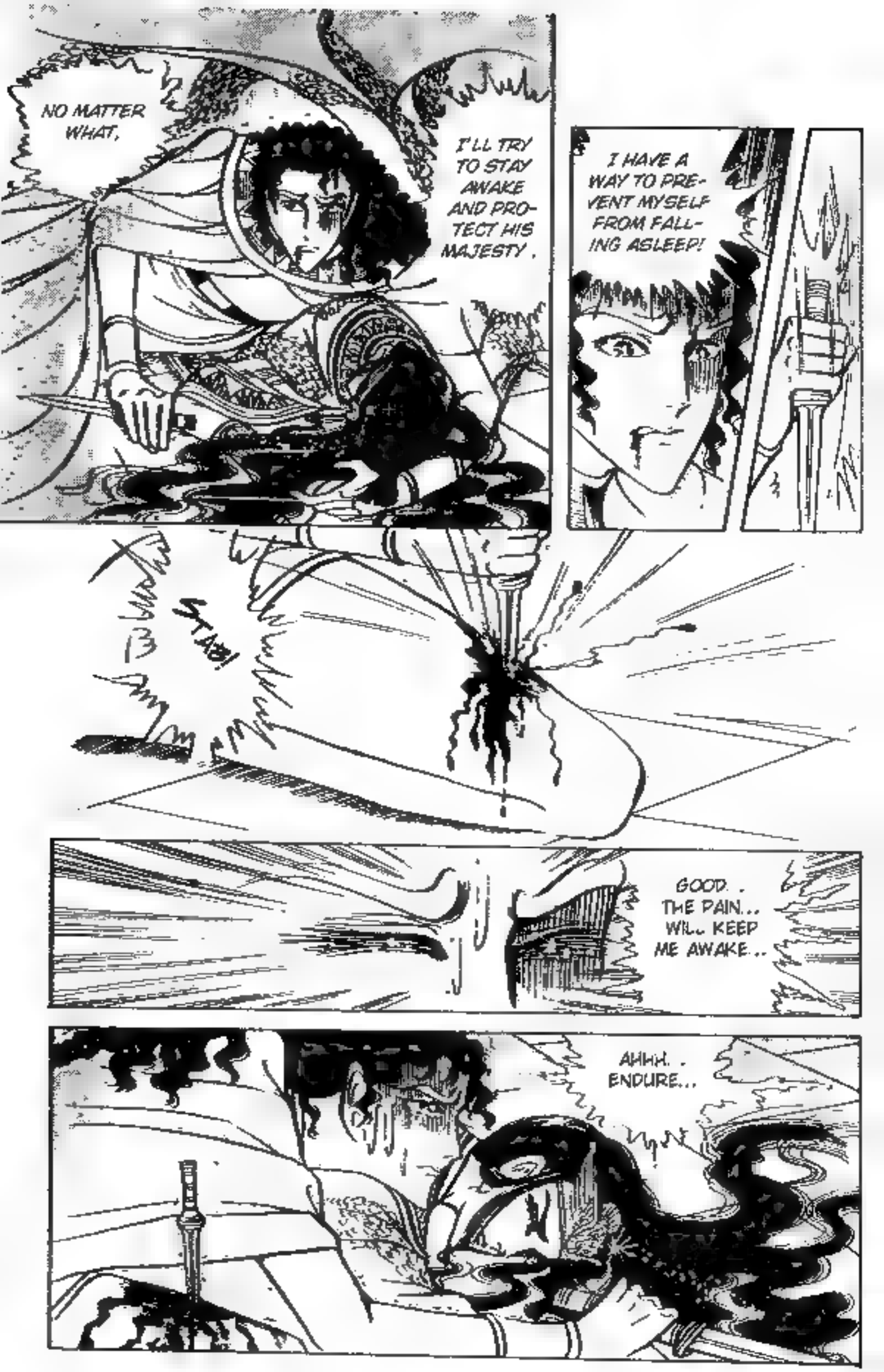
HA HA HA!

WITH ONLY SEVERAL LITERS OF GOOD WINE, I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CAPTURED HUNDREDS OF EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS TOGETHER WITH THEIR PHARAOH!

YOUR HIGHNESS, MANY OF OUR SOLDIERS HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP!

DON'T WORRY. BRING MY MEN OUT OF HERE; THEY'LL WAKE UP AFTER A FEW HOURS OF SLEEP!
IF I DIDN'T LET MY SOLDIERS DRINK THE SAME WINE, THEY'D BE SUSPICIOUS AND IT WOULD'VE RUINED MY PLAN!
CARO...! FORGIVE ME I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SAVE YOU. AND NOW, I AM TRAPPED HERE

HEY WAKE UP!
HMM, THEY DRANK TOO MUCH. THEY'RE SLEEPING LIKE THE DEAD. .
CARRY THEM OUT AND CLOSE THE GATES!
RUMBLE!
FORGIVE ME, YOUR HIGHNESS. .
IT'S ALL BECAUSE I DROPPED MY GUARD...
THAT THIS KIND OF PROBLEM OCCURRED
I WONDER WHAT ANGON HAS PLANNED FOR US


NO MATTER WHAT,
I'LL TRY TO STAY AWAKE AND PROTECT HIS MAJESTY.
I HAVE A WAY TO PREVENT MYSELF FROM FALLING ASLEEP!
SYAA!
GOOD. THE PAIN... WILL KEEP ME AWAKE...
AHHH. ENDURE...

YOUR HIGHNESS, DON'T WORRY THE ASSYR-IANS MUST GO THROUGH MY DEAD BODY BEFORE THEY CAN HARM YOU!
THERE ARE 900 EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS OUTSIDE THE PALACE, RIGHT?
YES.
I'M SURE THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, YET!
EVEN IF THEY DO KNOW, THEY WOULDN'T DARE TO DO ANYTHING.
.WHEN PHARAOH MEMPHIS AND GENERAL MINJE ARE IN MY HANDS. HA HA...

YOUR STRATAGEM WORKED WELL!
THERE'S MORE! NEXT, WE'LL SPREAD NEWS TO HITTITE OF MEMPHIS BEING LOCKED UP HERE..
WHEN THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE FINDS OUT
SHE'LL DEFINITELY FIND A WAY TO COME HERE AND LOOK FOR HER HUSBAND... AND THEN, I'LL CAPTURE THE DEEPLY-IN-LOVE COUPLE...
THAT'S SUCH A LOWLY PLOY!
SHAN, WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR TONGUE!
I'M SORRY .. BUT IF A KING LIKE YOU USES SUCH DIRTY TRICKS, THE PEOPLE WILL CRITICIZE YOU!
MOREOVER, UNTIL NOW, OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EGYPTIANS HAS BEEN PEACEFUL. PHARAOH MEMPHIS AND QUEEN CAROL ARE GOOD RULERS, BOTH ARE LOVED BY THEIR PEOPLE!
THAT'S WHY I HATE THEM!
TO HAVE EGYPT, I'M WILLING TO USE THE DIRTIEST TACTICS!

GREETINGS, YOUR HIGHNESS!
OH, IMPERIAL MAID JAMARI!
JAMARI?
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU DIED IN EGYPT!
HMM
HE'S BEEN AWFUL NICE WITH ME SO HE SAYS THAT
YOUR HIGHNESS...I HEARD THAT LADY CAROL IS NOW HERE, IS THAT TRUE?
WHY? YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HER?
UH, I'M JUST BEING CURIOUS.

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF BEAUTY SHE
S IZUMI, AND
ON FALL FOR
I HATE HER
BUT AT THE SAME TIME I'M QUITE CURIOUS AND WANT TO SEE HER
OH GOD IS THE SITUATION THAT CRITICAL, ZUNTO?
CAN YOU GET BACK TO WHERE PHARAOH MEMPHIS IS?
YES BUT YOU MUST THINK QUICKLY OF HOW TO SAVE EVERYONE!
I MUST GET THEIR HAT FOR A DISGUISE

HEY, STOP!
CATCH HIM!
TROU-BLE!
AH...
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM.
AH, IT'S JUST AN EGYPTIAN SOLDIER!
HE'S UNCON-SCIOUS!
HE PLANNED TO ESCAPE, BUT THE DRUG CAME TO EFFECT WHEN HE GOT HERE.
DON'T WORRY, YOUR HIGH-NESS... I'M HERE WITH YOU.
NO ENEMY WOULD DARE TO HARM YOU!

BEAR WITH IT! WE WILL SURPASS THIS CHALLENGE... AND FIND QUEEN CAROL!
I'M SURE OF IT!
MEMPHIS! OH GOD...I JUST DREAMT OF MEMPHIS LYING UNCONSCIOUS.
CAROL WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
WHO HAS HURT HIM?!

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I HEARD MEMPHIS HAS GONE TO ASSYRIA.
WHAT IF THE TYRANNICAL KING ANGON HAS HARMED HIM?
OH, GOD, I'M SO WORRIED..
YOU HAVE AWAKENED?
?
LET ME CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.
NO, I CAN DO IT.
NO, YOU CAN'T.
IT'S THE PRINCE'S ORDERS.
IZUMI GUARDS ME SO WELL.
IT'LL BE HARD TO ESCAPE!
THERE ARE AT LEAST TWENTY SOLDIERS GUARDING MY DOOR.

THIS PLACE IS LOCATED ON THE HIGHEST STORY.
ON ONE SIDE IS THE PERILOUS MOUN-TAIN...
NOW, MY LADY ..
DON'T BE SO STUB-BORN.
?
IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE PRINCE IZUMI NOTICE YOU!
?
THE PRINCE IS HANDSOME, INTELLIGENT, AND WILL BECOME A GREAT KING IN THE FUTURE.
THE PRINCE IS THE HITTITES' PRIDE. IT'S UNWISE TO REFUSE HIM.
I KNOW THAT, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR HIM.

FEELINGS AREN'T IMPORTANT
IF THE PRINCE WANTS TO MARRY YOU AND YOU AGREE, THEN YOU'LL HAVE EVERYTHING!
THAT'S ABSURD!
HOW CAN A MARRIAGE BE HAPPY WITHOUT LOVE?
YOU'RE BEING FOOLISH! HAPPINESS FOR A WOMAN IS TO SERVE HER HUSBAND AND SONS WELL.
WOMEN CAN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING ELSE.
OH, WHY ARE YOU SO OLD-FASHIONED?
I GIVE YOU GOOD ADVICE, BUT YOU STILL DON'T LISTEN. SO BE IT!
BUT REMEMBER YOUR PLACE—EITHER YOU BECOME THE PRINCE'S WIFE OR YOU DIE.
WHAT?!
OH, GOD..

I CAN'T DIE YET—NOT WHEN I HAVEN'T SEEN MEMPHIS.

I ALSO CAN'T ACCEPT THAT ARROGANT PRINCE'S PROPOSAL.

MY ONLY OPTION IS TO ESCAPE.

Sarikare Palace

Wind God Temple

Castle Wall

IF MY MEMORY OF HISTORY IS STILL CORRECT, THE BUILDING OVER THERE IS THE TEMPLE OF THE WIND GOD. A LITTLE FURTHER IS THE PALACE OF SARIKARE...

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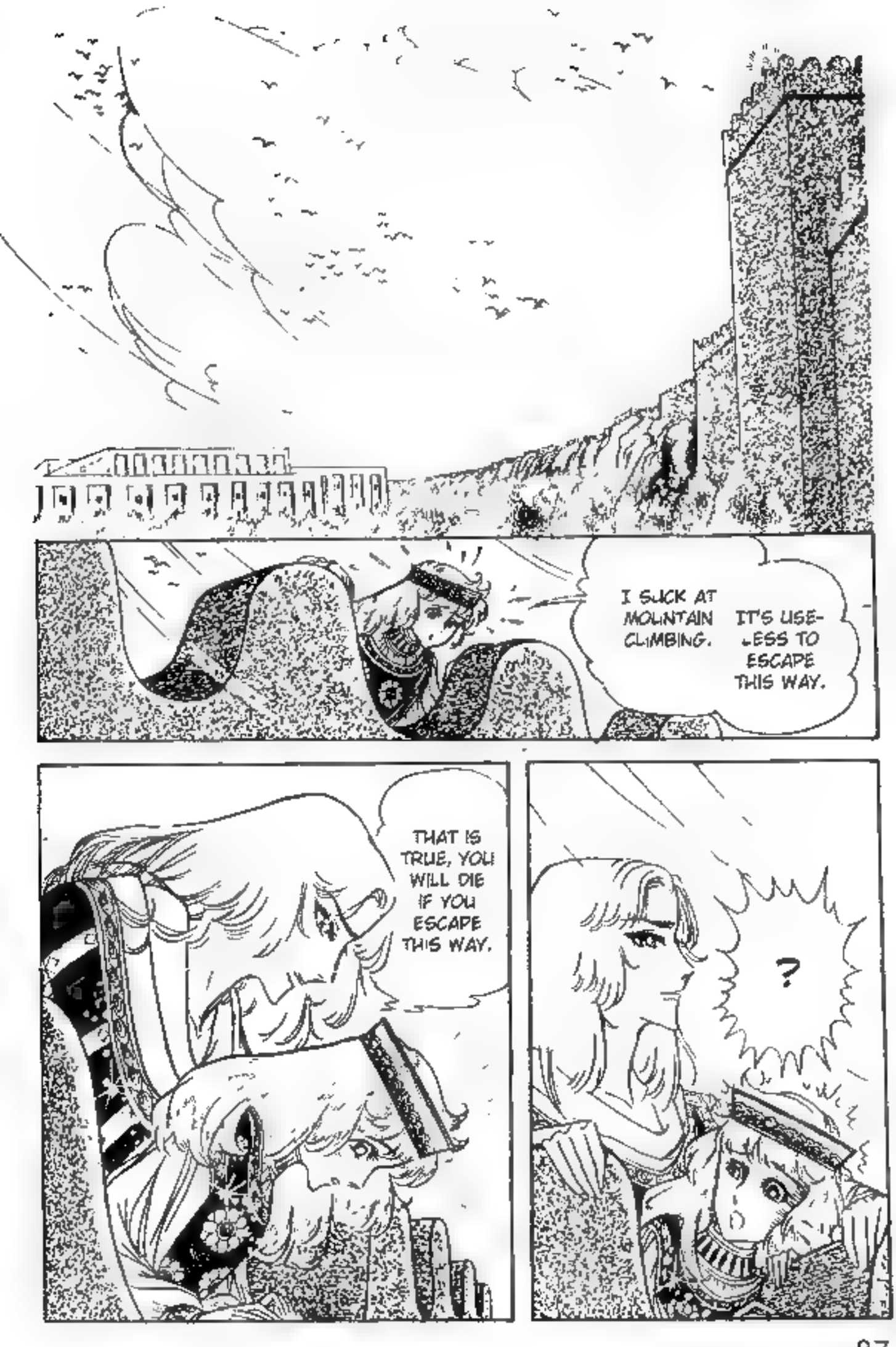

I SUCK AT MOUNTAIN CLIMBING.
IT'S USE-LESS TO ESCAPE THIS WAY.
THAT IS TRUE, YOU! WILL DIE IF YOU ESCAPE THIS WAY.
?

YOU SHOULD FORGET ABOUT RUNNING AWAY
IN TEN DAYS, I WILL BRING YOU TO THE TEMPLE OF THE WIND GOD WHERE WE WILL BE MARRIED.
AFTER THE CEREMONY, YOU WILL LEGALLY BELONG TO ME—FOREVER!
NEVER!
YOU SHOULD FORGET ABOUT MEMPHIS
UNDER-STAND? FOREVER!

IN WHAT WAYS IS MEMPHIS BETTER THAN ME?
I CAN'T EXPLAIN WHO IS BETTER!
MEMPHIS AND I ARE MARRIED!
HE'S MY HUSBAND!
WHAT?!
YOU ARE WRONG! YOUR WEDDING CEREMONY WITH MEMPHIS WAS NOT COMPLETED.
DO NOT FORGET THAT I WAS AT YOUR WEDDING, TOO!
AN INCOMPLETE RITUAL MEANS THE WEDDING IS NOT VALID—YOU HAVE NOT BECOME MEMPHIS'S WIFE YET!

?
BUT I HAVE DEEP FEELINGS FOR MEMPHIS!
MY SOUL BELONGS TO HIM!
IZUMI, IF YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON,
PLEASE LET ME LEAVE AND RETURN TO HIM...
RIGHT NOW, MEMPHIS IS IN DANGER BECAUSE OF THOSE EVIL ASSYRIANS!
I HAVE TO SAVE HIM!
sob sob sob
ACCORDING TO HISTORY, ASSYRIANS ARE ONE OF THE MOST AGGRESSIVE, RUTHLESS, BLOODTHIRSTY MEN OF ANCIENT TIMES.
PHARAOH MEMPHIS HAS FALLEN INTO THEIR HANDS AND HE MAY NOT LIVE...

I'LL MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU—IF YOU HELP ME SAVE MEMPHIS, WHEN IT'S OVER, I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT!
YOU ALWAYS PUT MEMPHIS ABOVE EVERY-THING ELSE...
WHAT AM I TO YOU?
?
I AM NOT GOING TO HELP HIM.
IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN!
I'LL EVEN BE YOUR WIFE!

LISTEN TO ME!

I VOW THAT I WILL WIN YOUR HEART BY ANY MEANS BUT NOT THE WAY YOU SUGGESTED!

NOTHING CHANGES. IN TEN DAYS, WE WILL BE MARRIED!

UNTIL THEN, IF YOU RUN AWAY,

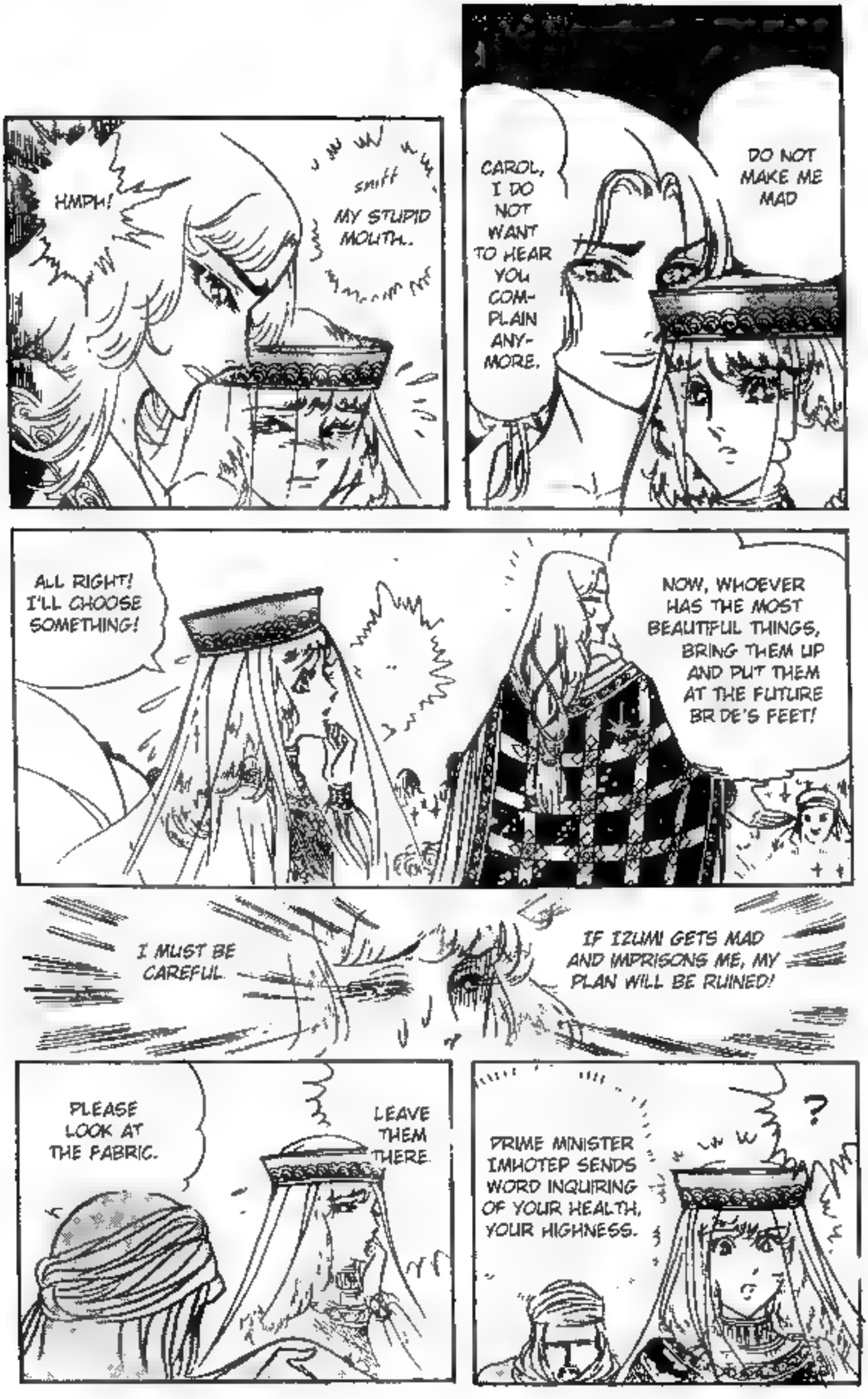
I WILL HAVE THE SOLDIERS EXECUTE YOU!

?

THAT GUYS IS CUNNING! HE RATIONALLY DECLINED MY OFFER..HE'S SO COLD-HEARTED!
MEMPHIS, I'M BURNING INSIDE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I HOPE WHAT I'VE SEEN IN MY DREAM WAS ONLY A DREAM.
YOUR MAJESTY, THERE ARE A GROUP OF TRADERS COMING TO OFFER YOU GIFTS.
LET THEM IN.
AH, PLEASE COVER HER WITH A VEIL.
sn rr
sn rr
HE WANTS ME TO BECOME A HITTITE LIKE HIM!

GOOD, YOU ARE REASON-ABLE NOW
....
I'LL RECONCILE WITH HIM NOW AND WAIT FOR MY CHANCE. .
NOW, SMILE BRIGHTLY!
....
YOUR HIGHNESS, WE REPRESENT THE MERCHANT GUILD OF HITTITE. WE'VE COME TO OFFER YOU HIGH QUALITY FABRICS TO PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING WEDDING.
THANK YOU ALL, BUT I WILL ONLY TAKE A FEW. YOU CAN BRING THE REST OUTSIDE AND GIVE THEM TO MY SUBJECTS.

YES, YOUR HIGHNESS. MY LADY, PLEASE CHOOSE SOMETHING THESE JEWELS MATCH THE SKIN OF THE BRIDE WELL.
ALL RIGHT.
THESE ARE HIGH QUALITY FABRICS THAT WE BROUGHT FROM COUNTRIES IN THE EAST!
CHOOSE SOME-THING.
EVERYTHING IS YOURS!
NO. I DON'T WANT ANYTHING
?
WHAT I WISH FOR THE MOST RIGHT NOW IS FREEDOM!


HMPH!
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MY STUPID MOUTH..
CAROL, I DO NOT WANT TO HEAR YOU COM-PLAIN ANY-MORE.
DO NOT MAKE ME MAD
ALL RIGHT! I'LL CHOOSE SOMETHING!
NOW, WHOEVER HAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS, BRING THEM UP AND PUT THEM AT THE FUTURE BRIDE'S FEET!
I MUST BE CAREFUL.
IF IZUMI GETS MAD AND IMPRISONS ME, MY PLAN WILL BE RUINED!
PLEASE LOOK AT THE FABRIC.
LEAVE THEM THERE.
PRIME MINISTER IMHOTEP SENDS WORD INQUIRING OF YOUR HEALTH, YOUR HIGHNESS.
?

SHH! PRINCE IZUMI IS NEAR!

JUST PRETEND TO LOOK AT THE FABRIC. SHOW NO EXPRESSION OR HE'LL BE SUSPICIOUS.

I UNDER-STAND. HOW IS MEMPHIS?

THE PHARAOH HAS FALLEN INTO THE TRAP OF EVIL KING ANGON OF ASSYRIA. HE IS NOW HELD IN A DARK PRISON WITH GENERAL MINUE AND MORE THAN 100 SOLDIERS.

OH, MY GOD— MEMPHIS HAS BEEN CAUGHT! THEN MY NIGHTMARE HAS COME TRUE!
YES IT'S A NIGHTMARE FOR THE EGYPTIANS!

SO MEMPHIS THOUGHT I WAS ABDUCTED BY ASSYRIANS AND FELL INTO ANGON'S TRAP..
LET ME SEE THAT ONE
HERE IT IS, YOUR MAJESTY
BUT WHO ARE YOU? IS THERE ANYTHING TO PROVE WHAT YOU SAID IS TRUE?
I'M CAREP, THE PRIME MINISTER'S MOST LOYAL SUBJECT. PLEASE BELIEVE ME

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PLEASE LOOK AT THIS PRECIOUS GEM. IT GOES PERFECTLY WITH THE PRETTY BRIDE.

ALL RIGHT, I WILL TAKE IT.

SO PRIME MINISTER IMHOTEP HAS SENT HIM HERE...

THEN THERE IS HOPE!

ONLY RUKA KNOWS ABOUT MY BEING BROUGHT HERE. HOW COULD THE PRIME MINISTER KNOW ABOUT THIS?

RUKA IS STILL ALIVE THEN?

UH, A-ACTUALLY, I ONLY DO WHAT I'M ORDERED TO.

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE!

THE WAY YOU SPEAK EGYPTIAN ISN'T VERY GOOD

YES...MY MOTHER IS ASSYRIAN, SO MY EGYPTIAN ISN'T PERFECT

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MEMPHIS' CONDITION?

IS HE OKAY?

THE ASSYRIANS GUARD HIS MAJESTY VERY WELL. NO NEWS HAS SPREAD
HOWEVER, WE HAVE A SECRET SPY SO WE KNOW THAT HIS MAJESTY AND GENERAL NINLIL ARE ALL RIGHT.
POOR MEMPHIS!
HE LOVES ME TOO MUCH!
IN MY DREAM, I SAW HIM LYING UNCONSCIOUS...
HIS FACE PALE AND THIN...
PERHAPS HE'S BEEN TORMENTED BY THEM...NOT ALLOWED TO EAT OR DRINK...
IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
I ACHE FOR YOU!
sob sob sob

SHH! YOU SHOULDN'T CRY OR WE'LL BE DISCOVERED!
I MUST SAVE MEMPHIS!
BUT HOW?
I'M A PRISONER HERE.
IZUMI HAS SOLDIERS GUARDING ME WELL.
HE EVEN THREATENED TO KILL ME IF I RUN AWAY...
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
IN TEN DAYS...
..IF YOU RUN AWAY, I WILL KILL YOU!
HE'LL REALLY DO IT..
DON'T WORRY, I WAS SENT HERE TO HELP YOU ESCAPE.
WHAT?!

I'M A MERCHANT SO I HAVE THE PAPERS TO COME IN AND OUT
BUT THIS PLACE IS SURROUNDED WITH HIGH WALLS AND WE MUST PASS THE MAIN GATE IN ORDER TO GET OUT.
DON'T FRET I HAVE EVERYTHING PLANNED
TONIGHT, I'LL FIND A WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU.
?
FAREWELL.
YES, HER HIGHNESS HAS TAKEN A LIKING TO THIS EASTERN FABRIC WE OFFER THIS TO SHOW OUR THANKS TO HITTITE'S MONARCHY
CAREFUL — IZUMI IS STANDING BEHIND YOU!
HM. THAT MERCHANT WAS WHISPERING SOMETHING TO CAROL. THEY LOOK SUSPICIOUS.

WHAT ABOUT THIS FABRIC? THE COLOR SUITS YOU!
...
CALM DOWN, MY LADY..
THAT'S RIGHT I MUST REMAIN CALM OR I'LL MESS EVERY-THING UP..
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?
UH, N- NOTHING!
I SAW YOUR BODY SHAKING!
?
OH, NO! YOU ARE TOO PALE—YOU MUST HAVE CAUGHT A COLD!
LADY MANDARIN MURA, CALL THE PHYSICIAN!
YES, SIRE!

OH!
DO NOT LIE TO ME! YOUR BODY IS BURNING UP.
NO, PRINCE,
LET ME DOWN! I'M FINE!
REMEMBER, TONIGHT!
PRINCE IZUMI IS FAMOUS FOR BEING INTELLIGENT, QUICK-WITTED, AND A SCHEMER...
IF HE FINDS OUT I'M NOT SICK, MY PLAN WILL BE REVEALED.
ALL RIGHT!
I MUST PRETEND TO BE SICK SO HE'LL BE OFF-GUARD.

Ha ha ha
THE FIRST STEP OF MY PLAN HAS SUCCEEDED. THAT GIRL WASN'T SUSPICIOUS AT ALL.
THE HARD PART IS TO GET HER OUT OF HATTUSA.
BRING HER TO ASSYRIA, DELIVER HER TO KING ANGON, AND GET MY REWARD!
HER BODY IS HOT LIKE BURNING COAL...HER SKIN IS PALE.
CAROL REALLY HAS CAUGHT A COLD!
IT IS BECAUSE I THREW YOU INTO THE FREEZING WATER.
I AM SORRY, CAROL. IN TRUTH, I DID NOT MEAN TO DO IT.
YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW I ACHE FOR YOU..
I AM ALSO HUMAN!

YOU ARE A PRECIOUS GIFT THAT THE GODS HAVE GIVEN ME.

COMPARED TO YOU, ALL THE PRECIOUS JEWELS AND TREASURES ARE MEANINGLESS!

I WOULD EVEN TRADE MY POSITION FOR YOUR LOVE...

LET HIM PRATTLE ON...

I MUST KEEP QUIET AND CONTINUE TO ACT AS IF I'M SICK.

BEAR WITH IT, CAROL— I WILL SEND FOR THE PHYSICIAN RIGHT AWAY!

LADY MIRA, CALL ALL OF THE BEST PHYSICIANS TO COME HERE!

I HOPE THOSE PHYSICIANS WON'T NOTICE THAT I'M JUST PRETENDING TO BE ILL.

YES, SIRE!

THE RUMOR IS TRUE.
SHE HAS SUCH A STRONG MIND THAT NO WEAPON CAN BREAK THROUGH IT.
SHE IS A CHERUBIC BEAUTY.
STANDING BEFORE HER, ALL EVIL BENDS THEIR HEAD IN DEFEAT!
CAROL, ARE YOU A GODDESS OR A HUMAN?

ALL GUARDS ARE DISMISSED!
I FORBID ANYONE TO COME NEAR HERE!
HE FELL FOR IT!
GOOD
CAROL IS SICK?
POOR CAROL!
YOUR MAJESTY, REST ASSURED, SHE IS FINE!
THE LADY IS WEAK BECAUSE OF LITTLE COLD. SHE ONLY NEEDS TO REST AND EAT REGULARLY FOR A FEW DAYS AND SHE WILL BE GOOD AS NEW
I HOPE EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.
SIR CARED WILL COME AND GET ME!
I THOUGHT SHE FAINTED BECAUSE OF THE WOUND ON HER SHOULDER?
NO, THAT PLACE HAS ALREADY HEALED.

THIS MEDICINE WILL HELP THE LADY SLEEP WELL TONIGHT.
POOR THING... CAROL STILL DOESN'T KNOW THAT I'M A HITTITE.
IF SHE KNOWS, SHE'LL BE DISAPPOINTED.
Carol doesn't know that she's going to fall into King Angon's trap with the old merchant's help
She is convinced that Prime Minister Imhotep sent the merchant.
MY LADY, HERE IS YOUR MEDICINE.
LEAVE IT OVER THERE.
I'M STILL TIRED...I WANT TO REST A LITTLE.
THE PHYSICIAN SAID YOU'D SLEEP WELL AFTER DRINKING THIS.
I KNOW I'LL DRINK IT LATER.
TONIGHT, I MUST BE AWAKE TO RUN AWAY.
WHY ARE YOU SO NOISY? SHE HAS NOT DRUNK HER MEDICINE?

NOW, YOU STUB-BORN WOMAN,
DRINK THIS AND YOU MAY CONTINUE TO SLEEP
THIS IS GOOD MEDICINE..
..NOT POISON. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE SCARED.
IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE ME, I WILL DRINK IT, TOO.
NO! WHEN I WAS SMALL I..WAS ALLERGIC TO ALL KINDS OF SLEEP MEDICATION...
IF I DRINK THEM, I'LL GET ITCHY AND HAVE PIMPLES EV-ERYWHERE, I'LL LOOK UGLY.
DON'T FORCE ME TO DRINK IT, PRINCE!
I'M AFRAID I'LL LOOK HID-EOUS ..

PIMPLES, THAN IT WILL BE QUITE A

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AT MIDNIGHT, A SHADOW SILENTLY ENTERED THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE'S BED CHAMBER FROM THE GARDEN...

?
SHH, DON'T MAKE ANY NOISES!
I'M SIR CAREP'S MAN
THANK GOD!
I WAS WAITING AND DIDN'T DARE TO SLEEP!
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
LADY MANDARIN MURA HAS THE KEY ..
I DRUGGED HER AND THE GUARDS.
PLEASE CHANGE INTO THIS; YOU'LL BE DISGUISED AS THE PALACE'S SERVANT.
OKAY, PLEASE WAIT WHILE I CHANGE
HURRY-- SIR CAREP IS WAITING FOR US OUTSIDE
HOLD THIS VASE.
OH! I HEARD SOUNDS ...
!
LADY MURA!
SHH! LET ME TAKE...

AH!
PUNCH!
HURRY, YOUR HIGHNESS
YOU HIT HIM TOO HARD!
THIS MAN'S EYES SHOW DISHONESTY... I WONDER IF I CAN TRUST HIM?
IT DOESN'T MATTER! I'M WILLING TO TAKE A CHANCE AS LONG AS I CAN GET OUT OF HERE.
HURRY, MY LADY.. WHY DO YOU KEEP STARING AT ME?
WE'LL BE ■ BIG TROUBLE IF THE GUARDS WAKE UP!
HE'S RIGHT. I'M DEAD IF I GET CAUGHT.
MAYBE HE REALLY IS PRIME MINISTER IMHOTEP'S MAN. I WORRY TOO MUCH AND THINK WRONGLY OF THEM!

STOP, YOU TWO!
OH, NO!
JUST BE CALM.
WE'RE SERVANTS OF LADY MURA. WE'RE GOING OUT TO RUN SOME ERRANDS.
WHAT ERRANDS DO YOU HAVE TO DO AT MIDNIGHT?
SIR, I MUST BRING MEDICINE FOR THE PRINCE.
HOW IS LADY CAROL?
SHE'S SLEEPING SOUNDLY.
ALL RIGHT, GO AHEAD!
WALK NORMALLY
DON'T LET THEM BE SUSPICIOUS

MY SON, DRINK ANOTHER GLASS WITH ME!
IZUMI WILL KILL ME IF HE CATCHES ME.
HE'LL DEFINITELY DO IT
HE'S NOT LIKE MEMPHIS.
THERE ARE SO MANY GUARDS!
HIDE OVER HERE!
WEAR THIS — HURRY!
COVER YOURSELF UP!

THIS IS THE ATTIRE OF THE PALACE'S PHYSICIANS THAT I JUST GOT!

AND THIS IS A BOX OF MEDICINE.

I'LL DISGUISE MYSELF AS A PHYSICIAN.

AND ME?

I'LL DISGUISE MYSELF AS YOUR SERVANT, RIGHT?

I HOPE THEY DON'T NOTICE US!

SIR CAREP HAS PREPARED EVERYTHING AND IS WAITING FOR US AT THE PALACE'S SQUARE

LET'S GO.

WHO ARE YOU? WHERE ARE YOU GOING AT MIDNIGHT?

DO YOU HAVE ANY PAPERS?

SIR, WE ARE PHYSICIANS. LADY MURA SUMMONED US TO TREAT LADY CAROL THIS EVENING.

WHAT TREATMENT DID YOU HAVE TO DO THAT TOOK SO LONG?

ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN GO.

YOU, THE GIRL, STOP!

DON'T LOOK UP. I'M DEAD IF THEY SEE MY EYE COLOR!
SIR, THIS IS MY SERVANT WHO IS BORN DEAF.
THIS IS OUR BOX OF MEDICINE. YOU CAN EXAMINE IT YOURSELF
. . .AND SEE IF I'M LYING.
OH, GOD, I HOPE THEY LET US THROUGH OR..
ALL RIGHT.
YOU TWO MAY GO.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
LET'S GO TO SIR CAREP BEFORE THEY GET ALARMED!

I HOPE NO ONE HAS NOTICED ANYTHING!

IF THEY DID, THEY WOULD HAVE CAUSED A COMMOTION BY NOW.

SIR CAREP ..

HURRY UP!

HURRY!

HURRY!

THANKS GOD...I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T COME!

WE MUST FIND A WAY TO GET THROUGH THE GATE LEGALLY

THE SOLDIERS GUARD THE GATE VERY WELL WHOEVER WANTS TO PASS MUST SHOW THEM A PAPER OF IDENTIFICATION.

I DON'T HAVE ANY PAPERS!

PLEASE GET INTO THIS VESSEL.
WHAT ?
GET INTO THIS?
BEAR WITH IT FOR A WHILE, MY QUEEN.
OUR SURVIVAL WILL DEPEND ON THIS MOMENT
YES, I KNOW YOU'LL DO WHAT YOU CAN...
I WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DONE TODAY
HELP ME GET IN THERE!
DON'T MAKE ANY NOISES.
LET'S GO.

MAY THE GODS GIVE US THEIR SUPPORT ...
HA HA IF I GET THROUGH THIS, I'LL LIVE IN RICHES FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE! KING ANGON HAS PROMISED ME!
LADY MUIRA! WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
ALERT!
WHAT IS CAUSING SUCH A COMMOTION?

YOUR HIGHNESS, THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE HAS DISAPPEARED!
WHAT?! WHAT HAPPENED?!
SIRE ...
DAMN IT!
I WAS TOO CONFIDENT AND DID NOT HAVE THE SOLDIERS ON GUARD ..

LADY MUIRA, TELL ME WHAT HAP-PENED!

SIRE, A TALL, VIRILE MAN WEARING SERVANT CLOTHES AMBUSHED US!

HE HAS STOLEN THE KEY ..

THEN THERE IS A MAN IN DISGUISE HELPING THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE ESCAPE. EVERYONE, SPREAD OUT AND LOOK FOR THEM!

THEY COULD NOT HAVE GONE TOO FAR!

!

REMEMBER NOT TO MISS ANYTHING!

ALERT!

THE DAUGH-TER OF THE NILE HAS ESCAPED!

WHAT?!

EVERYONE, STOP!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING AT THIS HOUR?
SIR, WE HAVE SOME GOODS THAT NEED TO BE DELIVERED AT ONCE.
YOU SHOULD STILL WAIT UNTIL TO-MORROW TO DELIVER THEM.

HERE ARE OUR PAPERS.
HM, WHAT GOODS DO YOU HAVE?
SIR, WE HAVE FABRIC AND OIL.
NO CONTRA-BANDS?
NO, SIR.

IN THE PALACE, IT SEEMS SOMETHING HAS CALSED A COMMOTION.

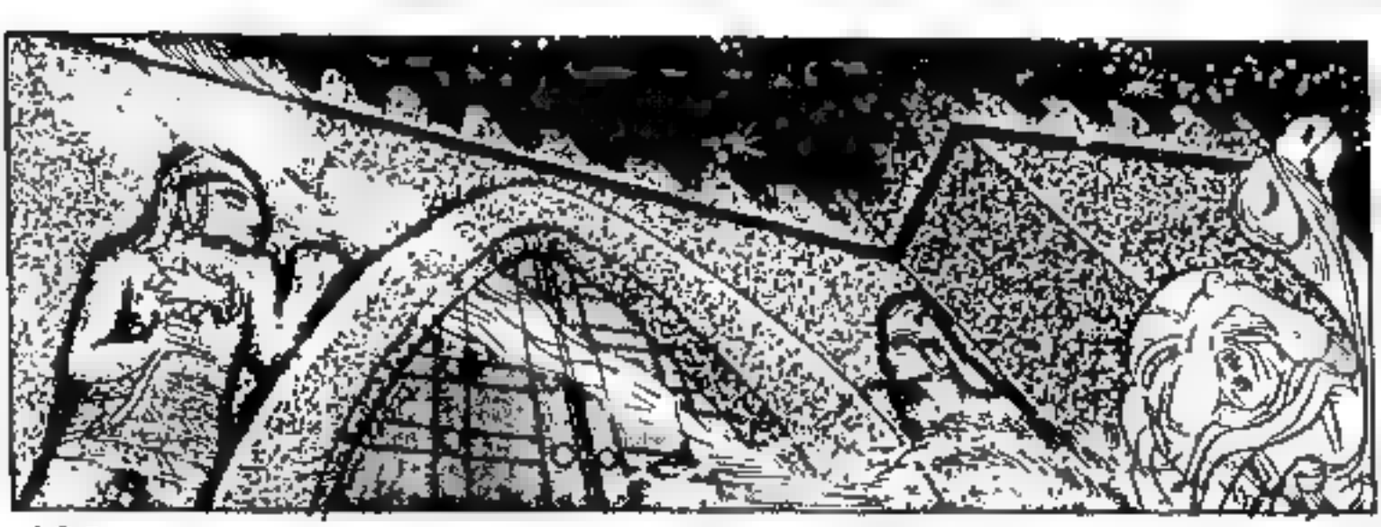
OH, NO! THEY'VE REALIZED THAT I'VE ESCAPED!

I'M DEAD! *SOB SOB SOB*

PLEASE LOOK AT OUR PAPERS QUICKLY — WE MAY BE LATE FOR THE DELIVERY.
WHAT?!

HEY GUYS, THERE'S A SUMMONING SIGNAL!

CLOSE THE GATE! DON'T LET ANYONE IN!
THUMP!
DAMN YOU, YOU'VE CAUSED ME TO BE LATE FOR THE DELIVERY NOW!
AH! FORGIVE ME, BOSS!
FORGIVE ME! *SOB*
DAMN IT, THERE GOES MY BUSINESS!
WHO AM I GOING TO SELL THEM TO TOMORROW?
ALL RIGHT, I'LL LET YOU GO THIS TIME.
HURRY AND GO.
THANK YOU, SIR!
WE WILL COME BACK AND THANK YOU!
CLOSE ALL THE GATES!
NO ONE GOES OUT AND NO ONE COMES IN!



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YOUR HIGHNESS, GET ON THE CAMEL SO WE CAN TRAVEL FASTER.
SIR CAREP, THE PRINCE WILL SEND PEOPLE AFTER US WHEN HE REALIZES I'VE ESCAPED
WE'RE SAFE!
DON'T WORRY, BY THEN WE'LL REACH THE MARKETPLACE AT THE BORDER. WE'LL EASILY BLEND IN WITH THE OTHER MERCHANTS THERE
LATER, I'LL HAVE PEOPLE COMMUNICATE WITH PRIME MINISTER IMHOTEP. .
ALL-RIGHT I UNDER-STAND

LET'S GO.
CAREP IS REALLY SKILLFUL. THE MERCHANT DISGUISE IS USEFUL IN FOOLING THE ENEMY.

HAVE YOU FOUND ANYTHING ?
NOT YET
I WONDER HOW THAT INFILTRATOR CAME IN HERE?
A BUNCH OF GOOD-FOR-NOTHING
YOUR HIGHNESS, I BELIEVE THE GROUP OF MERCHANTS THAT CAME IN THIS MORNING HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS.
!
HM...
YOUR MAJESTY, THE GATE GUARDS REPORTED HAVING TWO MERCHANTS LEAVE THROUGH THE GATE TEN MINUTES AGO
IT IS THEM!
BUT THEY WERE TWO MEN.
WHAT GOODS DID THEY HAVE?
OIL AND FABRIC.

STUPID! IT IS THEM!
THEY WERE AFRAID THAT IF THEY DID NOT CONCEAL THAT GOLDEN HAIR AND THOSE BLUE EYES, THEY WOULD BE DISCOVERED SO THEY PUT HER IN THE OIL JUG.
BRING ME THE HORSE!
RUKA, COME WITH ME.
YES, SIRE!
CAROL STILL HAS YET TO LEARN THAT YOU ARE MY SERVANT. WITH YOUR OLD COVER, YOU CAN EASILY CONTACT HER.
TRUE. SHE STILL THINKS THAT I'M A LOYAL SUBJECT OF EGYPT
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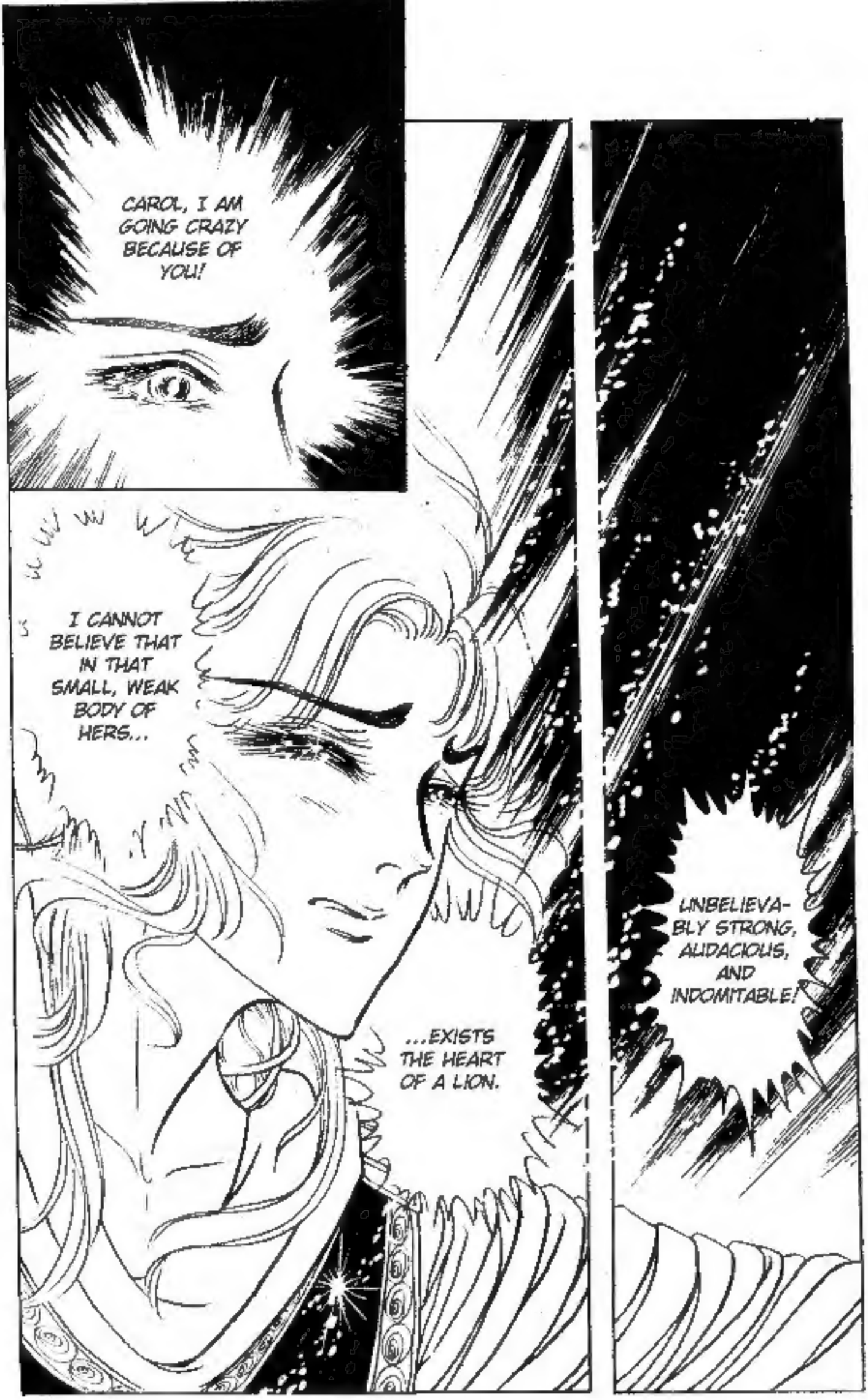
CAROL, I AM GOING CRAZY BECAUSE OF YOU!
I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT IN THAT SMALL, WEAK BODY OF HERS...
...EXISTS THE HEART OF A LION.
UNBELIEVABLY STRONG, AUDACIOUS, AND INDOMITABLE!

IS SHE REALLY HUMAN...

...OR A GODDESS?

OH, CAROL...

CAROL!

THE NIGHTMARE OF MY LIFE...

YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW I AM FEELING RIGHT NOW.

ON ONE HAND, I LOVE YOU EVEN MORE...ON THE OTHER HAND, I WANT TO CRUSH YOU UNDER THESE HOOVES TO SATISFY MY ANGER!

FASTER! FASTER!
SIR CAREP, ARE WE CLOSE TO THE MARKETPLACE?
NO, IT'S STILL FAR AWAY!
2 MORE HOURS RIDE!
OH, NO... I HAVE A PREMONITION OF HOOVES COMING NEAR..

IF ONLY WE HAD MOTORCYCLES! THEY'D BE USEFUL RIGHT NOW.
THERE'S NO WAY THAT IZUMI COULD CATCH UP TO US.
FASTER! WE MUST CATCH UP TO THEM BEFORE SUNRISE!
CAROL, I VOW I WILL NOT LET YOU ESCAPE!
MY PRIDE HAS BEEN WOUNDED. I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED!